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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEEIA STATE PARK.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State has  
2 coordinated with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
3 Administration to nominate Heeia estuary as a national estuarine  
4 research reserve. The National Estuarine Research Reserve  
5 System is a network of twenty-nine protected areas along  
6 America's coastlines that was founded on the principle that  
7 long-term protection of representative estuaries provides stable  
8 platforms for research, education, and management practices that  
9 benefit the nation's coasts. In 2012, the office of planning  
10 was designated as the lead agency to coordinate the selection of  
11 a National Estuarine Research Reserve System site in Hawaii. In  
12 2014, Heeia was officially nominated as a national estuarine  
13 research reserve to support the National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
14 Administration's policy encouraging expansion of the program in  
15 unrepresented areas of the country. The Heeia estuary site  
16 includes Heeia state park, Heeia fishpond, and the Heeia  
17 community development district, as well as marine waters with



1 patch and fringing reefs and Moku o Loe (Coconut Island). In  
2 order to be a success within the National Estuarine Research  
3 Reserve System, a community-based long-range plan for Heeia  
4 state park must be developed. Additionally, the Heeia National  
5 Estuarine Research Reserve System must establish a facility that  
6 will house a new education center.

7 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for and  
8 require the involvement of community members and organizations  
9 in the development of a Heeia state park community-based long-  
10 range plan and an education center for the Heeia National  
11 Estuarine Research Reserve System.

12 SECTION 2. To ensure the involvement of key community  
13 stakeholders in this planning process, the Hawaii community  
14 development authority and any entity designated by the Hawaii  
15 community development authority to manage the Heeia state park  
16 shall invite and consult with the following entities or  
17 individuals in the development process of the Heeia state park  
18 community-based long-range plan and the education center for the  
19 Heeia National Estuarine Research Reserve System:

20 (1) The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;

21 (2) The department of land and natural resources;



(3) Hawaii institute of marine biology of the University  
of Hawaii;

(4) Kakoo Oiwi;

(5) Paepae o Heeia;

(6) Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club;

(7) Koolau Foundation;

(8) A representative of the Kaneohe neighborhood board to  
be appointed by the chair of the Kaneohe neighborhood  
board; and

(9) A representative of the Kahaluu neighborhood board to  
be appointed by the chair of the Kahaluu neighborhood  
board.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$            or so much  
thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the  
same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
2020-2021 for the Heeia National Estuarine Research Reserve  
System to be allocated as follows:

(1) \$            for the Heeia state park community-based  
long-range plan; and



1           (2)   \$           for the planning and design of the Heeia  
2           National Estuarine Research Reserve System education  
3           center.

4           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
5 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

6           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Heeia State Park; National Estuarine Research Reserve System;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Makes an appropriation for a Heeia State Park community-based long-range plan and planning and design of the education center for the Heeia National Estuarine Research Reserve System. Requires the Hawaii Community Development Authority to consult with various entities in developing the plan and the education center. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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